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1962

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HEREFORD RURAL DISTRICT

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21*st May*, 1963.

To the Chairman and Members of the Hereford Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to lay before you the Annual Report for the above District for the year 1962.

The birth-rate was 14.9 per 1,000, and the death-rate was 11.6 per 1,000 (and when adjusted by the comparability factors supplied by the Registrar General, were respectively 17.1 and 10.4 per 1,000), and the infant mortality rate 10.9 per 1,000 births.

The report of the Chief Public Health Inspector is appended hereto.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Yours faithfully,
R. Wood-Power.

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Clerk to the Council—
R. A. Symonds, M.A.(Cantab.) (Part-time).

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	65,669
Population (Registrar-General's Estimate)	18,470
Structurally separate dwellings	4,740
Number of Parishes	39
Rateable value, 31st March, 1962	£166,886
A Penny Rate produces	£668
,, ,, ,, ,, Housing (1919) Act	£692

Vital Statistics :—

Deaths	Total 214.	Male 101.	Female 113
Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated population (Crude) ...			11.6
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, (Adjusted)			10.4
Live Births—Legitimate ...	Total 267.	Male 143.	Female 124
,, ,, Illegitimate ...	,, 9.	,, 5.	,, 4
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated population (Crude) ...			14.9
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, (Adjusted)			17.1
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total live births ...			3.3
Still Births	Total 6.	Male 5.	Female 1
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births			21.2
Live and Still Births ...	Total 282.	Male 153.	Female 129
Infant Deaths			3
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births—total ...			10.9
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, legitimate ...			7.4
,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, illegitimate ...			111.1
Neo Natal ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ...			7.2
Early Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ...			3.6
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births ...			24.8
Maternal Deaths (excluding abortion)...			0
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births ...			0

Physical Features and General Character

The Rural District of Hereford is situated in the middle of the county, and completely surrounds the city of Hereford. It is bounded on the north by the Leominster and Wigmore Rural District, on the north-east by the Bromyard Rural District, on the south by the Ross and Whitchurch Rural District, and on the west by the Dore and Bredwardine and Weobley Rural Districts. The middle of the district is low-lying.

In the north Dinmore Hill rises to a height of 747 ft., in the south Orcop Hill to 958 ft., and Aconbury Hill 905 ft., on the west Credenhill is 720 ft., while on the eastern side are Dinedor 595 ft., Backbury 738 ft., and Westhide 422 ft.

The district is well watered. The river Wye flows across from west to east in a very tortuous bed, and the rivers Lugg and Frome flow from north to south until they empty into the Wye. In the low-lying portions, following the courses of the rivers, is alluvial deposit.

Geologically the district is Old Red Sandstone. Credenhill, Dinedor, Dinmore and Callow hills are of Cornstone formation.

The subsoil is gravelly loam in those parishes through which the rivers flow, and in the remainder of the district for the most part marl or clay.

The population at the Census of 1951 showed an increase of 4,041 persons in the Rural District, and varied in the thirty-nine Parishes within the Area from 19 in Dinmore to 2,972 in Credenhill. Detailed particulars of the Census of 1961 have not yet been received.

Legislation in Force

Bye-laws with respect to Hop and Fruit Pickers made 1909 were amended during 1937 ; Tents and Vans made 1912 were amended during 1955 ; New Buildings made 1918 were amended during 1954 ; Food Bye-Laws were made in 1950 ; and Bye-Laws with respect to swimming baths and bathing pools during 1961. The Council has adopted Section 86 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 requiring the registration of dealers in old metal and marine stores.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Professional Nursing in the Home

There is an adequate number of District Nurses/Midwives in the Area to cover all Parishes.

Their services are provided by the County Council and the Nurses are under the supervision of the Superintendent Nursing Officer.

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examinations are made by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the County Hospital, Hereford, where Dr. D. R. Christie is in charge.

The chemical analyses of water samples are carried out by Messrs. G. Rudd Thompson and Partners Ltd., Newport, Mon.

Hospitals

Hospital Services for the County of Hereford are under the Management of the Herefordshire Hospital Management Committee, who are responsible for the control of all Hospitals, to which patients can be admitted in case of need.

Ambulance Facilities

Ambulance facilities are available through the Herefordshire County Council Ambulance Service, whose services may be obtained through County Ambulance H.Q., Canal Road, Hereford (telephone 4451). The service is available to all registered medical practitioners and in certain cases to registered midwives. Attendance at accidents and sudden street illnesses can be obtained by the public by following the instructions given on the dial of the telephone.

Stretcher ambulances and sitting case vehicles are available at any time and are manned by trained personnel.

The H.Q. Station is supplemented by Sub-stations distributed throughout the County.

Clinics and Treatment Centres

Tuberculosis	County Hospital.
Venereal Diseases	County Hospital.
Orthopaedic	General Hospital and B.R.C.S. Red Cross Hut, Blackfriars Street, Hereford.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supplies.

As from the 1st April, 1960, all publicly owned piped water supplies became vested in the Herefordshire Water Board.

Apart from a few smaller units of supply all other sources of supply are subjected to filtration and chlorination and 25 samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, of which 23 were reported upon as being satisfactory and 2 as unsatisfactory. Three samples were submitted for chemical analysis and there is no evidence to believe that any of the supplies are liable to have plumbo-solvent action. Where adverse bacteriological reports are received information is immediately transmitted to the Board Engineer so that he can take appropriate remedial action.

The approximate number of dwelling houses supplied from public mains is as follows :—

(*a*)	direct to the houses	1,651
(*b*)	by means of standpipes	39

Sewerage and Drainage

There is at present no general system of sewers in the area but the Council is giving earnest consideration to this problem.

The scheme for Kings Acre Road, Breinton, was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government who have now approved it and the purchase and use of the sewage disposal plant of the Royal Air Force Station at Credenhill, which should also deal with houses in parts of the Parish of Holmer, and to which reference has already been made in earlier reports.

The Council has resolved to purchase from the War Department the disposal works at Moreton-on-Lugg and a scheme for Wellington will be proceeded with so soon as the scheme for Moreton-on-Lugg has received Ministerial sanction.

A scheme for parts of the Parishes of Clehonger and Allensmore has been submitted to the Ministry and a decision is awaited, and the consulting engineers have been instructed to re-submit proposals for a scheme for Fownhope Village where it is hoped the residents should soon enjoy the benefit of a piped water supply.

An outline scheme for parts of Bartestree, Lugwardine and Withington has been approved in principle and a scheme for the

centre of the village of Little Dewchurch has been completed.

All the above mentioned proposals when brought to fruition will benefit a not inconsiderable portion of this Rural District, but it must not be overlooked that there are other areas in respect of which consideration for the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal schemes will have to be given in the near future.

Swimming Baths and Pools

None in the district but one proposed.

Eradication of Bed Bugs

No infestations were discovered.

National Assistance Acts, 1948 & 1951

No action was necessary during the year.

Registered Common Lodging Houses

None in the area.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

General.

No cases of Diphtheria, Typhoid or Para-typhoid Fevers, or Meningococcal Infection were notified during the year.

There were ten cases of Scarlet Fever which occurred in various Parishes and all were isolated at home and one case of Acute Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic) was notified.

The number of cases of Whooping Cough was slightly less than the number notified during 1961, and cases of Measles decreased considerably.

Food Poisoning Outbreaks

(*a*) Total number of outbreaks 1

(*b*) Number of cases 1

(*c*) Number of deaths 0

(*d*) Organisms or other agents responsible: Salmonella Typhi Murium.

Foods involved :— Not ascertainable.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1962

Disease	Sex	All Ages	Cases Notified												
			Under 1 year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	55-	-65 over
Scarlet Fever	M.	3	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F.	7	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	—	—	—	1	—	—
Erysipelas ...	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
	F.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia...	M.	11	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	3	—	—	1	—
	F.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	M.	39	1	6	1	3	4	21	1	1	1	—	—	—	—
	F.	58	4	6	7	4	4	32	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery ...	M.	5	1	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
	F.	5	1	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	M.	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F.	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F.	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis ...	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F.	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	M.	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	M.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	F.	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—

TUBERCULOSIS

Three cases, no deaths.

Age—Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		*Non-Pulmonary*		*Pulmonary*		*Non-Pulmonary*	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and upwards ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—

On the 31st December, 1962, there were on the Register the following cases :

Pulmonary		*Non-Pulmonary*	
M.	*F.*	*M.*	*F.*
51	30	13	12

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS, 1925

No action was necessary during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1962

		M.	F.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—
2.	Tuberculosis, other	—	—
3.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	—	—
4.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	2
5.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	1
6.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	4
7.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2
8.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	11	6
9.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1
10.	Diabetes	—	1
11.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	12	17
12.	Coronary disease, angina	17	14
13.	Hypertension with heart disease	5	—
14.	Other heart disease	10	34
15.	Other circulatory disease	7	5
16.	Influenza	—	1
17.	Pneumonia	8	9
18.	Bronchitis	4	1
19.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
20.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	—
21.	Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	1	3
22.	Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
23.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—
24.	Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—
25.	Congenital malformations	—	—
26.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	10	6
27.	Motor vehicle accidents	3	—
28.	All other accidents	2	3
29.	Suicide	2	1
	TOTAL ...	101	113

INFANT MORTALITY DURING 1962

There was one death from Prematurity (age 10 hours), one from Thrombosis of Dural Sinuses (age 3 weeks), and one from Acute Bronchitis (age 7 months).

The following report has been given by the Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. Donald Foden, on work carried out during the year ended 31st December, 1962.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

As required by the Public Health Officers' Regulations, 1959.

Inspections under :—	*Number*
Housing Acts & Regulations	1399
Housing—Tenancy Applications	41
Nuisances	392
Infectious Diseases	67
Water Supplies	420
Dairies & Milk Supplies	17
Food & Food Premises	178
Schools	3
Hop Pickers' Quarters	52
Factories with Mechanical Power	32
Other Premises under Factories Acts	38
Work Places	1
Petroleum Acts & Regulations	224
Damage by Pests Act	13
Temporary & Movable Dwellings	565
Refuse Collection and Disposal	268
Shops Act	1
Scrap Metal Dealers	27
Clean Air Act	—
Flood Distress Relief	—
Noise Abatement	—

Housing

Attention has been directed to dealing with unfit houses, and action with regard thereto has been as follows :—

(*a*) Unfit Houses Made Fit.
  1. After informal action... 216
  2. After formal notice under :
    (*i*) Public Health Act, 1936 0
    (*ii*) Housing Act, 1957 0

(*b*) Unfit Houses Demolished 38

(*c*) Unfit Houses Closed 5

Particulars of work carried out under the Rents Act, 1957 are set out hereunder :—

1.	Applications for Certificates of Disrepair received...	1
	(*a*) Certificates issued	1
	(*b*) Undertakings given by owners	0
2.	Number of certificates cancelled	0

The number of applications for Improvement Grants under the relevant provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 were as follows —

	Discretionary	*Standard*
Number of applications received ...	37	46
(*a*) Applications granted ...	32	46
(*b*) ,, rejected ...	5	—
(*c*) ,, pending ...	—	—

The number of new houses erected during the year are set out below :—

Houses built privately	71
Houses built privately with State assistance	0
Houses built by Council with State assistance	26
Total ...	97

Houses owned by the Council now number 620, and are situate in the following parishes :—Birch, Much (50), Breinton (8), Burghill (20), Clehonger (49), Dewchurch, Little (46), Dewchurch, Much (44), Dormington (10), Eaton Bishop (30), Fownhope (40), Hampton Bishop (2), Haywood (6), Holme Lacy (18), Lugwardine (22), Marden (24), Mordiford (48), Moreton-on-Lugg (44), Pipe and Lyde (8), Preston Wynne (8), Stoke Edith (6), Stretton Sugwas (36), Sutton (14), Wellington (18), Weston Beggard (10) and Withington (30), together with 29 bungalows at Kingstone in the Dore and Bredwardine Rural District.

Nuisances.

One Abatement Notice was served during 1961, requiring the abatement of a nuisance arising from the deposit of waste materials and proceedings instituted in 1962 in the Petty Sessional Court for non-compliance with the notice secured satisfactory results. All other nuisances were satisfactorily overcome by informal action.

Infectious Diseases.

Twenty-four cases of infectious diseases, consisting of 10 cases of Scarlet Fever, 10 cases of Dysentry, 2 cases of Acute Encephalitis, 1 case of Acute Poliomyelitis and 1 case of Food Poisoning were investigated.

Water Supplies.

Fourteen samples have been submitted for Chemical Analysis and 186 samples for Bacteriological Examination, with the following results :—

	Satisfactory	*Unsatisfactory*
Chemical	7	7
Bacteriological	113	73

Dairies and Milk Supplies.

There are on the register 22 distributors of milk, of whom one is a distributor of T.T., Pasteurised and Sterilised milk, twenty are distributors of both T.T. milk and Pasteurised milk, whilst one retails only T.T. milk. In addition, so far as is known, there are 13 producers of milk, who are registered with the Ministry of Agriculture, who are also distributors in the area of milk for retail sale. Of this latter number five are known to be retailing T.T. milk, and three purchase and retail Pasteurised milk and five retail both T.T. and Pasteurised milk.

As from the 1st October, 1956, the whole of the Hereford Rural District became part of a Specified Area, so that only T.T., Pasteurised, and Sterilised milk may be sold by retail therein.

Food and Food Premises.

The number of known food premises in the Area is as follows :—

General Food Shops...	49
Butchers' Shops	3
Food Preparation Premises	4
Bakehouses	2
Canteens	34
Licensed Premises	38
Catering Establishments	56

Forty-seven premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 as follows :—

Storage and Sale of Ice Cream	~~44~~ 45
Manufacture of Sausages	2

During the year inspections of food premises have continued not only to ascertain that hygienic practices were being maintained but also to ascertain that defects—of which the occupier had been previously informed—had been completed. One hundred and twenty-eight inspections were carried out, of which fifty-three related to registered food premises.

Forty-five samples of Ice Cream were submitted for examination and were reported upon as falling within the following Provisional Grades :—

Provisional Grade I	37
,, Grade II	6
,, Grade III	2
,, Grade IV	—

One slaughterhouse is licensed and the following table sets out the carcases inspected and condemned wholly or in part and these figures include 2 sheep which were the subject of emergency slaughter at places elsewhere than at the licensed slaughterhouse.

Food and Food Premises (*Continued*).

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle Excluding Cows	*Cows*	*Calves*	*Sheep and Lambs*	*Pigs*	*Horses*
Number killed (if known)	41	—	—	162	10	—
Number inspected	41	—	—	162	10	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cystercerci Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	—	—	5	4	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	12.2%	—	—	3.1%	40.0%	—
Tuberculosis only Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

In addition 75¼ lbs. cooked ham was found to be unfit for human consumption and condemned.

All condemned food was disposed of by incineration.

Factories

There are 61 factories within the district, all with mechanical power.

1. **Inspections :**

Premises	Number of		
	Inspections	*Written Notices*	*Occupiers Prosecuted*
Factories with mechanical power ...	32	3	—
Factories without mechanical power	—	—	—
Other premises under the Act (including works of building and engineering construction, but not including outworkers' premises)	38	1	—
TOTALS	70	4	—

2. **Defects found :**

Particulars	*Number of Defects*			*Number of defects in respect of which prosecutions were instituted*
	Found	*Remedied*	*Referred to H.M. Inspector*	
Want of Cleanliness ...	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:				
(*a*) Insufficient ...	8	8	—	—
(*b*) Unsuitable or defective ...	14	14	—	—
(*c*) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—
Other Offences ...	2	—	2	—
TOTAL ...	24	22	2	—

3. **Outwork**—Nil.

Hop Pickers.

About 120 pickers came from outside Herefordshire, chiefly South Wales and the Midlands, to 6 farms.

Specially erected buildings are provided for their accommodation and these and other matters affecting the welfare of the pickers are dealt with under By-laws made in 1937.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act.

One Inspector/Operator is employed, but his services are shared jointly with the Bromyard, Ledbury and Ross and Whitchurch R.D's. The table set out hereunder records his work in this area during 1962 :—

	Premises Inspected	No. of Inspections	Total Infestations	Rats		Written Informal Notices	Statutory Notices
				Major	Minor		
Local Authority's Properties	3	30	12	3	9	—	—
Dwelling Houses ...	94	128	48	3	45	—	—
Business Premises ...	12	16	4	—	4	—	—
Agricultural Properties	34	58	30	2	28	—	—
Totals ...	143	232	94	8	86	—	—

The four Councils concerned have decided to carry out a disinfestation service, two operators are employed, and contracts held in the four areas at the 31st December, 1962 amounted to £2,262, and the number of treatments carried out during the year in this area was 528.

Temporary and Moveable Dwellings

Following approval by the County Planning Authority licences in accordance with the Model Standards have been issued under the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, as follows :—

Multiple sites :—

Issued for a limited period	...	3
Issued without time limit	...	6

Individual sites :—

Issued for a limited period	...	27
Issued without time limit	...	11

In addition, there are five moveable dwellings in respect of which licences are not required under the provisions of the First Schedule of the Act, but which are, nevertheless, subject to the provisions of the Council's Byelaws, and forty-one caravans are known to be stored at various premises but are unoccupied.

During the year one person was prosecuted in the Petty Sessional Court for non-compliance with licensing conditions at each of two caravan sites of which he was licensee. The prosecutions were successful and the defendant was fined a sum of £10 in respect of each site. Notice of appeal has been given.

Refuse Collection.

Two freighters, each with one loader-driver and two loaders are employed and collections are carried out once in every two weeks with the exception of two parishes near Hereford City, where collections are effected once a week.

During 1962, 949 loads of refuse—approximately the equivalent of 11,388 cubic yards—were collected and hauled to the three disused quarries used for disposal.

The provision of a lay-by on the side of a highway—and quite a number of these have been provided in this area—although admirable from the stand point of providing temporary parking facilities off the highway, nevertheless presents other difficulties.

The contents of refuse bins, provided by the County Council as Highway Authority, are removed by the refuse collectors but only too often the bins provided are not used by the people frequenting these places. As a result paper, food scraps and other debris litter the area concerned and it is not unknown for bins that have been provided to mysteriously disappear ! ! !

In addition certain other habits of some people who use the lay-by leave much to be desired, and all these factors present problems incapable of easy solution.

Old Metal and Marine Store Dealers.

Sixteen persons are now registered under the provisions of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, as dealers in old metal, and close liaison in dealing with these persons and their premises is maintained with C.I.D. Officers of the Central Division of the Herefordshire Constabulary.

Unfortunately many of these persons are nomadic in character and this creates additional difficulties in exercising the full control that is desirable.

Petroleum Acts.

The number of petroleum installations licensed by the Council is one hundred and seven.

During the year supervisory work together with the appropriate air pressure tests on tanks and pipelines was carried out at eight new installations and at four existing installations which were enlarged.

Provision of Means of Escape in Case of Fire.

There are nineteen premises consisting of 8 Flats, 2 Hospitals, 2 Schools, 5 Hotels, 1 Convent, and 1 Home for Elderly Persons, to which Section 60 of the Public Health Act, 1936 applies, and where the provision of adequate means of escape in case of fire must be provided and maintained.

These premises are visited regularly and the assistance of the Fire Prevention Officer with the consent of the Chief Fire Officer for the County, in this matter must be appreciated and acknowledged.

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4th February, 1963.